

# TOWN OF HERNDON

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### FALL IS THE TIME TO FERTILIZE LAWNS

Herndon, VA (September 21, 2007) -- Autumn is the best time to fertilize lawns, according to John Dudzinsky, community forester for the Town of Herndon. Roots will sustain plants through the following year that are actively growing, Dudzinsky said, although excessive fertilizer may hamper growth.

“It’s a good practice to leave grass clippings on the lawn after mowing,” Dudzinsky advised. “Nitrogen from the clippings will nourish the soil, which means less fertilizer will be needed.”

Compost is also an excellent alternative to fertilizer. “Yards that use compost need less water and fertilizer, resulting in savings,” Dudzinsky said.

Soil testing kits may be obtained from all Fairfax County public libraries or from the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office in the county’s Government Center. There is a small fee for soil analyses.

The Town of Herndon is one of the Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners, a consortium of local governments, water and sewer authorities and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission. The goal of the Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners is to work together to reduce the amount of pollution reaching individual and shared waterways.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the “best affordable suburbs” in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

For more information, visit the Town’s website at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

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